(b) the number of applications received during the same period by the Centre from Andhra Pradesh to set up rice mills in the state;

(c) what is the number of applications on which no decision has been taken; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Powers to issue licences under the Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958, have been delegated to the State Governments. The State Governments are not required to obtain the approval of the Central Government in the matter of grant of licences and letters of intent for setting up of rice mills.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Soil erosion problem in Andhra Pradesh

1336. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States which are facing serious soil erosion problem at present;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh is one of such States which is facing serious soil erosion problem; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to solve the problem of erosion in Andhra Pradesh and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Problem of soil erosion is present in all the States and Union Territories. However, according to available information, its seriousness is more pronounced in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Union Territories of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoam.

(c) Government launched programmes to control soil erosion of agricultural and non-agricultural lands right in the First Five Year Plan. Over successive plan periods, the programmes got enlarged and also diversified covering all States and Union Territories. Government have continued during 1985-86 programmes to control soil erosion, treatment of areas under shifting cultivation, reduce siltation of major and medium reservoirs, moderate flood hazards in the productive plains and restore degraded and under-utilised areas including arid an semi-arid areas to obtain additional land stock for productive management, etc. Specific anti-erosion measures undertaken include contour bunds and terracing, closures and trenching, tree plantation, development of pasture lands, construction of soil conservation engineering structures to control gullies and check run off, stabilisation of coastal sand dunes, water harvesting structures, etc.

Besides State Sector Schemes, Central assistance has been provided to Andhra Pradesh through the following schemes:—

(i) Soil Conservation in the catchments of river valley projects of Machkund, Nagarjuna Sagar, Nizam Sagar and Pochampad.

(ii) Drought Prone Area Programme.

(iii) Propagation of Water Conservation/Harvesting Technology for Dry Farming Areas.

(iv) A World Bank assisted Pilot Project for watershed development in rainfed areas.

In addition to these programmes, scheme of Social Forestry including rural fuelwood plantations is also in operation in Andhra Pradesh.

Development of horticulture during Seventh Five Year Plan

1337. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount earmarked for the development of horticulture during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh and other States for this purpose during the current financial year; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A sum of Rs. 25 crores have been earmarked for development of horticulture as Central share during 7th Five Year Plan Period.

(b) and (c) The following schemes have been sanctioned for 1985-86 for implementation in States/Union Territories including Andhra Pradesh. The details are given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Total amount Allocated for All India	Amount Allocated to Andhra Pradesh
1	Package programme for development of Coconut	49·07	2·54
2	Project of Coconut Development Board	150·00	9·284
3	Package Programme on cashewnut development	84·90	15·617
4	Improved technology for quality apple production	13·69	..
5	Programme for development of spices	8·53	..
6	Programme for development of cocoa	2·99	..
7	Programme for distribution of minikit for increasing production of vegetables of National Horticulture Board	63·00	3·00
8	Package Programme on banana and pineapple in Union Territories	7·61	..

Besides, a Central Sector Scheme for establishment of Elite Progeny Orchards-cum-nurseries in 10 SFCI farms has been sanctioned with an outlay of Rs. 33·50 lakhs for 1985-86.

Drug addiction in the country

1338. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was conducted to find out the incidence of drug addiction in the country;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of youth below the age of 20 years and those between 20—30 years who are reported to be drug addicts; and

(c) what steps are being taken to achieve de-addiction?